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REGISTERED MAIL

Mr. Thomas Miller
Vipont Mines, Limited
Box 267
Oakley, Idaho 83346

Re: ACT/003/005
Vipont Mine

Dear Mr. Miller:

On July 12, 1978 I requested that you submit a map of the Vipont operations and a narrative concerning reclamation and mining procedures. The Division has not received this information.

The Division feels that the operation is in violation of the Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act as you have not fulfilled your commitments made on July 20, 1977 to the Board. If we have not received the information requested in the July 12, 1978 letter, a copy is enclosed, by November 9, 1978 the matter will be referred to the Board of Oil, Gas, and Mining, and you will probably be scheduled to appear before the Board on November 29, 1978.

The Division has requested this information so that the review of the Mining and Reclamation Plan can be completed. The Board found on July 20, 1977 that a Mining and Reclamation Plan is necessary for both the tailings recovery and underground mining operations. Since the plan is not complete and approval has not been issued the construction of the two underground entries is in violation of the Act. Blocking of the stream channel by dumping spoil from the first entry is also in violation.

The Division will make every effort to assist you in complying with the Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act. If you have any questions please feel free to call Ron Daniels or myself.

Sincerely,

K. MICHAEL THOMPSON
ENGINEERING GEOLOGIST

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enc: Letter dated 7-12-78